## Chapter 16-180 WAC Washington State Egg Seals and Assessments Concise Explanatory Statement

## Introduction

Washington State Egg Seals and Assessments, Chapter 16-108-010 establishes the fee for egg handlers or dealers who pay assessments monthly in lieu of seals and for Washington state egg seals and facsimile type Washington state egg seals printed on egg containers.

## Agency's reason for adopting the rule

For the last several years, the fund balance in the egg fund has been more than adequate to provide for egg inspections. The agency has been coordinating with industry to propose a change to the fee collection in order to bring the fund balance to a more acceptable level.

It was determined that a three-month suspension of the egg assessment would be appropriate to accomplish this goal.

## Agency's consideration of oral and written comments

The agency held a public hearing regarding this change on July 9, 2008. One industry member provided oral testimony in favor of the rule change. The agency did not receive any comments against the rule change.